



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### BOARD NOTES

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#### ***BOARD DISCUSSES STRATEGIC WORK PRIORITIES AND BUDGET PRIORITIES***

In order to provide a focus to the work leading to proficiency, the state board discussed both strategic work priorities and budget priorities. The strategic work priorities were grouped under the three goals from the Board's strategic plan (high student performance, high quality teaching and strong and supportive environment for each school and every child) and an added fourth goal, high performing schools and districts. For budget purposes, initiatives were discussed under the headings of mandated increases by statute/budget instructions, mandated increases by federal or state statute, essential increases and discretionary increases.

The Board gave Department staff input on revisions to the strategic work priorities and asked for more information on budget initiatives. Both of these will come back to the October meeting for a final decision.

For more information on this topic, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

#### ***BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS***

As part of the August 8-9, 2007, meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education elected its officers for 2007-08. Those officers were:

- Chair – Joe Brothers of Elizabethtown, KY



- Vice Chair – Bonnie Lash Freeman of Louisville

The officers began their duties immediately and will serve for one year. For more information on the election of officers, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

### ***STATE BOARD TO CONTINUE SEARCH FOR NEXT COMMISSIONER***

The Kentucky Board of Education set forth its plan for moving forward with the search for the next Commissioner of Education as follows:

- the full board will serve as the screening committee for reviewing applications
- the position will be advertised both statewide and nationally
- the review of applications will begin after September 30
- the Kentucky Board of Education will meet October 3 to screen the applications and develop a short list of 3 to 7 candidates
- following background checks, the names still under consideration from the short list will be publicly released and opportunity for public input through the Kentucky Department of Education website will occur
- on November 13, the Kentucky Board of Education will interview finalists

For more information on the search process, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

### ***ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL NORM-REFERENCED TEST DISCUSSED***

The Kentucky Board of Education continued the discussion on norm-referenced testing at the August meeting. Specifically, the Board examined, beginning with the new biennium in 2008-2009, adding a single uniform elementary norm-referenced test and including this elementary test and middle school EXPLORE results in school accountability calculations. In order for this to occur, during 2007-2008 the following must occur:

- Continue to administer district-selected elementary norm-referenced tests allowing flexibility and following the current regulation
- Administer EXPLORE to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Report norm-referenced test and EXPLORE results publicly, discuss individual results with parents and use results in the development of the Individual Learning Plan
- Release a Request for Proposals (RFP) and negotiate a contract for a uniform single elementary norm-referenced tests
- Secure a reserved form of EXPLORE for state administration
- Revise the regulation titled 703 KAR 5:020, The formula for school accountability

Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff consulted the members of the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council on issues related to these changes. They then made the following recommendations to the Board:

- Administer the single uniform elementary norm-referenced test in grade 3.
- Do not administer the single uniform norm-referenced test during the KCCT spring testing window.
- Continue to research and discuss with stakeholders issues related to the best time for administering the single uniform elementary norm-referenced test.
- Seek vendor bids for either a fall (September/October) or winter (January/February) administration.
- Include the single uniform elementary norm-referenced test for 5% of school accountability.
- The School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council (SCAAC) will continue to work on a recommendation on the percentage of school accountability that should be derived from the middle school norm-referenced test (EXPLORE) as regulatory language is developed.
- Reduce reading and mathematics from 22% each to 20% each and reduce science and social studies from 14.5% each to 14% each. (SCAAC's recommendation)
- Seek the advice of the Office of Education Accountability.
- Bring revised regulatory language to the Kentucky Board of Education in October for its first reading.

For more information on this topic, contact Ken Draut at (502) 564-2256 or via email at [Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov](mailto:Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov).

***OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 8-9 MEETING WERE:***

- Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Membership
- 704 KAR 7:101, Repeal of 704 KAR 7:100, Approval of operation of alternative education programs for purposes of drivers' license revocation (Final)
- Tabling of Clay and Graves County Facility Plans
- 704 KAR 4:020, School Health Services (Final)
- 702 KAR 5:080, Bus drivers' qualifications, responsibilities and training (Final)
- Kentucky Education Technology System FY08 Unmet Need for LEAs
- FY 2008 Kentucky Education Technology System Expenditure Plan
- 2006 Report, 2006 Exceptions and 2008 Plan required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members
- Kaye Baird's attendance at the NASBE Policy Symposium on Healthy Eating, October 10-11
- Travel expenditures for Joe Brothers and David Webb to attend the NASBE Annual Conference in Philadelphia on October 11-13
- Appointment of C.B. Akins, Chair; Jeanne Ferguson and Judy Gibbons to the State Evaluation Appeals Panel
- Appointment of Bonnie Lash Freeman, Chair; Doug Hubbard and David Webb to the Sam Robinson Award Selection Committee

***ITEMS REVIEWED BY THE BOARD IN AUGUST WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:***

- Dialogue with the chair of the Commission on Interscholastic Athletics
- Update from Covington Independent and Jefferson County on school support plans
- Report from the Interagency Task Force on Dual Credit
- Update on Implementation of the Individual Learning Plan
- 703 KAR 5:170, Kentucky Highly Skilled Educator Program Criteria
- 701 KAR 5:130, Drug Testing of Teachers Involved in Illegal Use of Controlled Substances
- Identification of District Watch List
- KDE Employment Report

***MEETING DATES FOR 2007, 2008 AND 2009***

KBE Meeting Dates 2007

<u>2007</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 5, 2007	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Louisville
October 3-4, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 14, 2007	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Florence
December 6-7, 2007	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE Meeting Dates 2008

<u>2008</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 9, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Richmond or Boone Tavern, Berea
April 2-3, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 13-14, 2008	KBE retreat/strategic plan Discussion	Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville Or Lake Barkley Lodge
June 11-12, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 9, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 10, 2008	Regular meeting	Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin
October 1-2, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Rough River State Park, Falls of Rough
December 10-11, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort

### KBE Meeting Dates 2009

<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 14, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 4-5, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 4, 2009	Regular meeting	Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg
April 1-2, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 12-13, 2009	KBE retreat/strategic plan Discussion	Available hotel, Lexington
June 10-11, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 5-6, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 9, 2009	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Owensboro
October 7-8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2009	Regular meeting	General Butler State Park, Carrollton
December 9-10, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For questions on the Kentucky Board of Education's meeting schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

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